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**IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE**

Applicant: Schreiber & Crabtree  
Serial No.: 09/834,424  
Filed: April 13, 2001  
For: Methods and Materials Involving Dimerization-Mediated Regulation of  
Biological Events

Examiner: B. Loeb  
Art Unit: 1636

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**RESPONSE TO OFFICE ACTION UNDER 37 C.F.R. § 1.111**

Applicant respectfully requests a three (3) month extension of time, from January 1, 2003, up to and including April 1, 2003, to respond to the Office Action mailed October 1, 2002, in the above-referenced case. Responsive to that Office Action, Applicant requests entrance of the following Amendment and consideration of the following Remarks:

**Amendment**

**In the specification**

Please **replace** original pages 24 and 25 with substitute pages 24a, 24b, 25a, and 25b that are filed herewith.

**In the claims**

Please **cancel** claims 1-7 and **add** new claims 8-29 that read as follows:

8. (New) A method for preparing an agent that effects a biological event mediated by the association of two or more endogenous cell surface receptors, the method comprising preparing an agent which includes a first non-peptidic moiety that binds to one of the cell surface receptors covalently linked to a second non-peptidic moiety that binds to the other cell surface receptor, wherein the agent binds to both cell surface receptors.

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